* That Jacob Riis lived on the streets at one time in his life in that time period he thought of and considered suicide but later found a job as an investigative reporter.
* That within the tenements thousands of cases of diseases were diagnosed with ammonia, hyoid plague, etc.
* When sick the only hope you had of survival was to wait out the cold or to try and fan it out with fresh clean air.
* Homeless children would often sleep in the streets at night and deliver newspaper during the day.